

CLAIMS

I/we claim:

1. A ladder support bracket for receiving a rung of a ladder intended to be placed against the gutter of a building and thus restraining it, and hence the ladder, from sideways or downwards movement, the bracket comprising a first region for affixing to a rigid portion of the building, a second region which spans the gutter, and a third region in the form of a cradle for receiving the rung of the ladder.
2. A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, wherein the first region for fixing the bracket to a rigid portion of the building is in the form of a relatively planar sheet like portion which may be attached by suitable means such as screws or the like to the rafters or other timber members of the roof support structure of the building such as battens, this portion then being covered by the roofing material whether tiles or metal roofing.
3. A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, wherein the second region spans the gutter so that in use the ladder does not actually make contact with the gutter.
4. A ladder support bracket according to claim 3, wherein the side rails of a ladder thus used with the bracket are additionally prevented from contacting the gutter by virtue of their resting against the leading edges of the gutter spanning region, said leading edges formed by virtue of the width of the cradle portion being less than the width of the gutter spanning region.
5. A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, in which the bracket is made from suitable sheet metal such as aluminium, especially marine grade aluminium, or from plastics or a composite material.
6. A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, in which the bracket is moulded to shape, by any suitable process for forming the shape depending on the material chosen.
7. A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, wherein the bracket is left in place.
8. A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, wherein the bracket is further bendable on site at the time of installation to the building to accommodate the particular pitch of the roof to which it is to be fitted.
9. A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, in which the bracket is also provided with securing points, such as hooks or holes or other suitable sites, for tying off or additionally

securing the ladder by such means as ropes, ties, or rubber straps or the like in otherwise known fashion.

10. A ladder support bracket substantially as described herein in conjunction with the drawings.